

needle on a piece of tissue paper and laying this gently on the water. Soon the paper becomes wet and sinks to the bottom, leaving the needle on the surface. Owing to their capillarity the needles will begin to act as though imbued with life, some rushing to the edge of the dish and clinging there, while others rush towards each other, clinging closely, and avoiding others. The manner in which each person's needle moves toward the rest is construed as a prophecy of what fate has in store for the owner. The simple, homely nature of the Hallowe'en celebration demands the use of the kitchen as its appropriate stage setting, while the refreshments served should be in keeping with the occasion. Among the canny Scots, a nutritious dish made from the husk of oats, and served with butter, instead of milk, forms the Hallowe'en supper. With us, apples, nuts, cakes and sweet elder form the usual concomitants of the festival.

A clever suggestion for a Hallowe'en comes from the Wells College girls' fertile brains. Last year the "fateful eve" was observed at the college by a party whose personnel was made up of the ghosts of many celebrated people. After a march through the halls, which were fantastically decorated and dimly lighted by jack-o'-lanterns, the sheeted things gathered in the darkened reading room and laying aside their "gibberling," listened to a reading from Bulwer Lytton's "Haunted House." This was followed by dancing, refreshments and fortune telling until the hour when "churchyards yawn."

The days of our great grandmothers are coming back to us, and the dainty housekeeper is not satisfied unless her linen closet is redolent with the sweet, fresh fragrance of lavender. "It was had just been entertained. "Towels New England stories—"The Pearl of Orr's Island," and the "Minister's Wooling,"" said a lady recently, referring to a guest chamber where she had just been entertained. "Towels, sheets and the fine old linen pillowcases all exhaled that exquisite faint perfume and I just buried my head in the pillows, and thought was ever anything so deliciously refreshing?"

Scented beds are a great fad in England also. While sachets of lavender laid in press and bureau drawers, in oaken chest and linen closet, are the usual means of imparting the fragrance, the solidified perfume made up in the form of "sweet balls" (grandmother's fashion redivivus) will be found more satisfactory and lasting. The rule for this, as given by an expert in the art, is to mix a quarter of a pound of crushed lavender flowers with ten drops of oil of lavender and make it into a dough with a little gum tragacanth. Knead this into balls about the size of a marble, roll in powderedorris root and put in a tight tin box to dry. A supply of these may be made and be kept on hand in a closely corked bottle, to replace the old ones when their pungency has vanished.

A common fault with scrambled eggs is that they are cooked so hard as to be tough and indigestible. If a tablespoonful of milk or water be added for each egg, and the mixture cooked only until creamy, stirring meanwhile with a fork, the result will be a dish both appetizing and wholesome. Serve with buttered toast.

In laying in the winter's supply of coal, remember that the white ash coals are hard and slow-burning, and are, therefore, better for range, cooking stove or furnace use; while the red

ash, which is soft and free burning, make a luminous fire, is better for the grate. Preparatory to putting coal into the cellar, close all doors opening into the coal cellar, and close and cover the registers with paper. If the coal is thrown into the cellar through a chute made in the side of the house, protect the sides of the house by pieces of carpet or burlap tacked on.

In New York, the standard weight of a loaf of bread is one pound and three ounces for a five-cent loaf.

Mutton suet is one of the simple remedies which should have an honored place in every family's medicine closet. For chapped hands and lips, or for cuts and bruises, it is always useful. The suet may be procured at the butcher's, tried out at home, and while still warm poured into little jars or moulds to cool. Turn out and wrap in tin-foil. Camphor-ice may also be made by melting a small piece of camphor gum with the suet.

A most delicious vegetable soup that commends itself to housekeepers when the "stockpot" is empty, is this, given by Miss Parloa: One pint of white turnips cut in cubes; one-half pint of carrots cut in cubes; one pint of potatoes in cubes; one-half pint of leeks, the white part; one large onion, one clove of garlic, one eschalot, one tablespoonful of salt, three tablespoonfuls of butter, one teaspoonful of sugar, one-third teaspoonful of pepper, two quarts of water. Cut the onions fine and cook them slowly with the butter for half an hour. Then add the boiling water and carrots and cook half an hour longer. At the end of this time add the turnips, potatoes, seasoning, and cook an hour. If you have parsley or cerfeuil, add a teaspoonful ten minutes before serving. The soup is improved if some bones or trimmings of meat be added.

A most delicious cream vegetable soup is made by rubbing a portion of this soup through a puree sieve and adding milk and a little salt to it. It should just come to the boiling point and be served with fried or toasted bread.

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ASTONISHING INCONSISTENCY

The New York Mail and Express delights to pose as a moral reformer, and one of its specialties is the Mormon Church. It frequently reiterates its Christian sentiments in favor of the destruction, in one way or another, of that religious society. In a late issue it has an editorial on the lynchings that took place a few weeks ago, in the village of Versailles, Ind. The article is headed "Arraign the Versailles Lynchers!" and calls on Gov. Mount, in vehement language, to bring them to justice. It portrays, in extreme language, the disgrace our country suffers in the eyes of the civilized world on account of the summary and unlawful executions by mobs that take place within it, and scores the people residing in Ripley county, which embraces Versailles, because of the public sentiment there which has hindered the grand jury in the getting of evidence.

On the same page of the same issue in which this article appears is an editorial that recounts a scandal said to have occurred in Kansas. A school teacher who is a married man is charged with having hugged and kissed some of the older girls among his pupils. The local school board investigated the matter and acquitted the teacher, whereupon some of the parents laid the case before the state school superintendent, who held that he had no jurisdiction in it. After re-

citing these facts the Mail and Express says:

"Uncharitable as it may appear, it is impossible to escape a suspicion of collusion in this matter. If the parents were sincere, and the state superintendent disinterested, the offending teacher, instead of being dragged through a trial, would have been dragged through the mud of Butler county. Instead of having charges brought against him he would have had charges fired into him. Instead of being driven to a civil defense he would have been uncivilly driven out of the county. Kansas would have been true to herself as an enemy of subterfuge and the subtleties of civilization."

After perusing both editorials the reader is left in doubt as to whether the Mail and Express opposes or endorses mob violence.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

The human mind is still evolving, in the view of Dr. R. M. Bucke, as expressed at the Montreal meeting of the British Medical association. By slow and dubious steps taken in darkness: our remote ancestors wearily climbed to simple consciousness, he affirms, and after another immense interval, they reached self-consciousness. This cannot be the end. Our old mental faculties are some of them fading out, others advancing towards greater perfection, and alongside of them new ones are springing up, some of which will, without doubt, be of overshadowing importance in the future. So-called telepathy and clairvoyance seem to be specimens of such nascent faculties. But of infinitely more importance than these is that, superimposed upon self-consciousness, as is that faculty upon simple consciousness, a third and higher form of consciousness is at present making its appearance in our race. We have had occasional and increasingly numerous examples of it for 2,000 years. In the course of a few more milleniums there should be born a type of men possessing this higher consciousness, and the advent of this higher, better and happier race would justify the agony of its birth through our past.

The mosquito has prevented or hindered the settlement of 10,000,000 to 11,000,000 square miles of fruitful territories. In a "mosquito map of the world," Popular Science News shows the distribution of this enormous insect reservation, which is almost uninhabitable by man, and comprises the whole of western Africa from the great desert to Fish river, half the Sunda islands, all the vast tundras of northern Siberia, much of British North America, lowlands in the United States, eastern Mexico, eastern Guatemala and Honduras, with about two-thirds of South America.

A mineralogist has selected 1,000 of the doubly-terminated quartz crystals taken from calciferous sandstone in Herkimer county, N. Y., and finds them to weigh at the rate of 1,212,000 to the ounce. The selection of ten million to the ounce is only a matter of time and skill.

A very sensitive indicator of alterations in manuscripts has been found by Prof. Bruylants, of Louvain, in iodine vapor. When a sheet of paper which has been sized and finished is moistened and exposed, after thorough drying, to this vapor, the portion that has been moistened becomes violet, while the rest of the surface appears brownish yellow. The rubbed portions of a manuscript are shown by a brownish tint. When a rubbed surface is moistened after exposure to the iodine, it takes a blue color, and the rubbed